

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 199  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rick Insell upon his induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in specially recognizing and paying tribute to those coaches who, through their many victories, have earned a place in Tennessee sports history; and

WHEREAS, Rick Insell is one such estimable coach and leader, having been most deservedly inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame for his many years of success in coaching girls' basketball; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Woodbury Central High School and Middle Tennessee State University, Rick Insell began his coaching career at Shelbyville Central High School in 1977; he was an assistant coach with the boys' varsity basketball team and coached girls' varsity basketball, boys' and girls' freshman basketball, varsity track and varsity tennis, all while teaching American History; and

WHEREAS, Coach Insell has become a Tennessee basketball legend, as he has devoted his entire quarter-century career to the Golden Eaglettes' basketball program; and

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WHEREAS, in his first season with the Shelbyville Golden Eaglettes, Rick Insell led the team, which was not expected to win more than seven games, to a winning season, to district and regional championships and to a sub-state appearance; two years later, he asked to be relieved of his other coaching duties in order to focus his time and energy on further developing the girls' basketball program; and

WHEREAS, in his illustrious tenure as Head Coach of the Shelbyville Golden Eaglettes, Coach Insell's teams have won 22 district championships, 15 regional championships, 5 AAA State Runner-Up Awards and 9 AAA State Championships; and

WHEREAS, Rick Insell's teams also hold state records for consecutive wins (with 110), consecutive state titles (with 4), most state championships for a coach (with 9) and several individual and team records established during state tournament competition; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to success and accolades, Coach Insell has amassed 710 wins and over 25 Coach of the Year Awards, including the 2002-2003 Coach of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, weathering many changes in the game of girls' high school basketball, Rick Insell has become a coaching icon in Tennessee; he is renowned for his work ethic, knowledge of the game and caring attitude toward his players; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Rick Insell is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Deborah Spry Insell, and their three sons, Tom, Kyle and Matt; and

WHEREAS, Rick Insell represents the ideal of a caring mentor, diligent worker and exceptional coach; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to Coach Insell for his many years of excellence both on and off the court; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Coach Rick Insell upon his induction into the

TSSAA Hall of Fame, salute his remarkable work ethic and his many accomplishments and wish him continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.